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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CHAIRMAN NE WIN TO JAPAN

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1. IN SEVERAL REFERENCES TO NE WIN VISIT TO JAPAN DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH ME SINCE HIS RETURN FROM JAPAN AMBASSADOR SUZUKI HAS CORROBORATED INFORMATION IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, HE USED FIGURES FOR SYRIAM OIL REFINERY LOAN AND FOR COMMODITY LOAN OF 25 AND 15 MILLION DOLLARS RESPECTIVELY (WHICH WERE AMOUNTS ORIGINALLY DISCUSSED PRE- DEVALUATION). ACCORDING TO SUZUKI IT IS FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT JAPAN WILL GRANT ADDITIONAL COMMODITY LOAN.

2. ASIDE FROM GOLFING AND HONEYMOONING, NE WIN WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN LOOKING UP OLD JAPANESE FRIENDS FROM WARTIME DAYS, SUZUKI SAID. HE QUOTED NE WIN AS ASSURING THESE OLD ASSOCIATES AT A DINNER IN THEIR HONOR THAT HE HAD NEVER GIVEN ORDERS TO SHOOT JAPANESE IN THE BACK.

3. COMMENT: SUZUKI IS OBVIOUSLY DELIGHTED TO HAVE SPENT SO
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MUCH TIME IN NE WIN' S COMPANY AND BY WHAT HE TOOK TO BE FURTHER
DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN' S SPECIAL AFFECTION FOR JAPAN.
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